



CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING May 10, 2018

Commission Members Present: Phillip Kete, Chair
Ingrid Lamb
Michael Linsenbigler

Staff Members Present: Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk
Frederick Sussman, Counsel

The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall at 8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach, MD. Those listed as present participated in all portions of the meeting unless otherwise noted. If other individuals participated in aspects of the meeting, they will be identified in the specific line item where their participation occurred.

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2018 Ethics Commission meeting

Discussion: The draft minutes of the April 12, 2018 Ethics Commission meeting were presented. It was motioned to amend Item #5 by striking Mr. Morris' address.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the April 12, 2018 Ethics Commission minutes as amended.

ITEM 2: Public comment on agenda items, including suggestions of additional items for consideration. None received.

ITEM 3: Consideration of proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

Discussion: The Commission discussed the need to better clarify the process pertaining to requests for advisory opinions in regards to 1) a request being public record or confidential, 2) held in open or closed session, and 3) what, if any, information should be redacted.

Decision: The Commission will review the process at the next scheduled meeting.

ITEM 4: Review of financial disclosures.

Discussion: The Commission reviewed and determined that disclosure submissions from all elected officials had been properly completed. Imposing a fine of up to \$2 a day on delinquent disclosures and late filers was discussed along with the possibility of waiving a fine.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved imposing a fine of \$2 a day on members of the Ethics Commission who failed to meet the April 20, 2018 filing deadline and approved waiving a fine for all non-elected officials on the condition they file by May 18, 2018. The

Commission will defer consideration of submissions by appointed officials and employees until their next meeting.

ITEM 5: Consideration of requests for advisory opinions, if any.

Discussion: The Commission discussed an advisory opinion that was requested by Greg Morris.

Decision: The Commission finds in this particular advisory opinion request that under the facts presented there would be a violation. The Chair was directed to prepare a draft decision for consideration and approval by the full Commission.

ITEM 6: Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.

Chairman Kete reported he is working with the Town to create a webpage.
The Commission will hold its next meeting at 4 pm on June 20, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p. m.

Submitted by:



Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk